

3RD CORPS SUPPORT COMMAND

SUSTAINING THE LINE!



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Professionalism and Language



1. Professionals are calm in the midst of chaos; competent, confident, and caring. Professionals live the standards. Professionals are disciplined. As such, I find the use of profanity to be an unprofessional means of communication and unacceptable in this command.
2. A key Army value is Respect. Use of profane language shows a lack of respect for yourself and others. This is not a gender issue. This is not a faith or culture issue. This is a professional issue. The use of profane language is demeaning to both the user and the hearer, and degrades good order and discipline.
 - Yes, there are times when it is appropriate to express anger. I understand the brute realities of combat, that there are moments when you must grab someone's attention and bring home a life-saving point. But it is the habit of a routine conversation filled with profanity that sincerely disturbs me. Ask yourself, will the person remember your point, or the string of profanity used?
 - I believe we demonstrate our character in the language we choose. When we treat each other, especially our subordinates, like professionals by speaking as professionals, we are building Soldiers, Leaders and Civilians of character for the future.
3. I need every member of the 3rd COSCOM team to have fire in their belly (not on their lips); to be motivated and to motivate others. Express your energy and enthusiasm in a professional manner. When we do this, there will be respect up, down and across our organization. BE THE EXAMPLE.

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